

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HAYES, FRANK ) Art Unit: 1791  
Serial No. 10/618,574 ) Confirmation No. 3784  
Filed: 7/12/2003 ) Examiner:  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Nguyen, Thukhanh T.  
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APPLICANTS' COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the reasons set forth in the Office Action. In particular, the Applicants submit that the indicated claims are allowable because the prior art fails to anticipate, teach, suggest, or render obvious the subject matter as claimed, independent of how the subject matter is paraphrased.

These comments relate to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance, mailed June 10, 2009.

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